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# POLICE FOCUS ON CAMERAS

**PARTS of Oxfordshire will see more number plate recognition technology used to fight crime.**

Police in Cherwell plan to "invest heavily" in the static and movable number plate recognition systems to catch criminals using the roads to commit crime.

Officers have not yet said how much cash will be invested, but the force plans to focus on number plate theft.

Victims often only find out their registration has been misused after receiving a letter demanding payment of a fine, or when police want to question them about a crime.

Motorists are being encouraged to protect themselves against number plate theft by fitting free anti-theft screws, which are virtually impossible to remove once fitted.

Sgt Elizabeth Bell said: "Number plate theft should be taken seriously, as they are often used on vehicles to steal fuel from petrol stations, to evade speeding fines, conceal a stolen vehicle, or used on getaway vehicles in more serious crimes.

"There should be no doubt how seriously we view all car crime and our commitment to tackling it.

"We are hoping that this

**By Sam McGregor**

event will reinforce this security message to motorists. It only takes a thief a couple of minutes to steal your number plate, but it could cause you a lot of problems."

Superintendent Colin Paine, Cherwell and West Oxfordshire commander, said he planned to use technology to the advantage of police and would "invest heavily" in number plate recognition systems to catch criminals using the roads to commit crime.

He said: "In this area it's difficult to commit a crime

without a car." In January the Banbury Cake reported on an award-winning scheme aimed at tackling petrol thefts in Cherwell, which could be rolled out to other areas.

The Vehicle Identity Protection Scheme was introduced in Banbury, as well as Bicester and Kidlington, last April after the amount of number plate thefts and fuel forecourt thefts shot up by 246 per cent.

In its first six months, police saw dramatic reductions.

Between April and June, 2012, there was a 67.4 per cent drop in number plate thefts and a 44.3 per cent fall in the

number of people filling up their cars with fuel and driving off without paying.

As part of the initiative Forecourt Watch was set up to tackle the problem head-on.

It saw dozens of garages across Cherwell sign up to the scheme, in which details of stolen number plates were passed to them as soon as they were reported.

If you see someone acting suspiciously or have any information about car crime, please report it via The Thames Valley Police Enquiry Centre on 101, or anonymously, to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



The auto number plate recognition system, which is fitted to traffic police cars

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# Candidates have their say before the May 2 poll

# Who's who at the

## CALTHORPE

● **DAVID CHANTER, Green:** David Chanter has been living in Oxfordshire for six years, working as a gardener.

At 18 he became a gardener for the National Trust for Scotland. From this he developed a lifetime's interest in the environment and the natural world, including campaigning and being actively involved with practical conservation, from trying to save the orangutan to creating a local community orchard. He returned to gardening after 15 years working in HM Treasury.

His main interest is the environment and the rural economy. Working and living in the countryside the need for jobs, affordable housing, better transport, sensitive land-use and supporting farmers' livelihoods is self-evident.

● **MARK CHERRY, Labour:** Mark has lived in Banbury all his life. He went to school here, and he knows the town and its needs very well. He is a building worker by trade, and he has always enjoyed helping people.

● **JANICE JOHNSON, Liberal Democrat:** Janice has lived in the Banbury area since 1958. A retired schoolteacher, she taught in several Oxfordshire schools including Banbury School where she was a governor for four years. She is a former member of Barfords Parish Council and a member of U3A.

Janice is supporting Lib Dem proposals at the county council to halt the four-fold rise in day centre charges for elderly people, increase funding for the youth service and increase funding for flood prevention and road repairs.

● **KEITH STRANGWOOD, Conservative:** Keith has been involved with local councils for many years.

Keith says: "Many local councillors fail to speak out when required and only seem to appear at election times."

When our libraries were under threat, Keith set up public meetings and helped to create library friends groups, to ensure our libraries stayed open.

When our post offices were under threat Keith campaigned to keep them open.

When our town was threatened with ridiculous road schemes and pretty much pedestrianisation everywhere, Keith campaigned for a sensible upgrade for our town, one that the Banbury people wanted.

● **GORDON WATT, UKIP:** After spending most of his life working life in the building trade, retired in 2006 and moved to Banbury.

He said: "I joined UKIP because I was fed up with the existing parties and because I want my country back. As your local county councillor I will represent your views, not those of pre-existing party dogma."

## HARDWICK

● **JOHN BROWN, UKIP:** John Brown is a long-serving UKIP member and is currently local branch chairman. He has lived in Banbury since the 1980s, having moved down here looking for work. He said: "I'm an ex-Labour party member, tired and frustrated by the broken promises of the three, old, failed parties."

"I believe in UKIP's policy on important local issues being put to binding referendum and no hidden agendas. UKIP is the only party that does not whip its councillors into line with party policy."

"I am community spirited, having volunteered for two recent tours of Afghanistan with the Territorial Army. Before that I was a retained firefighter for Oxon Fire Service and I am also responsible for the annual Banbury St George's Charity Bash."

● **ANTHONY BURNS, Liberal Democrat:** Anthony has lived in Banbury since 1993, taught in Banbury and Oxford and is now retired. He is an experienced candidate and is active with the Liberal Democrats.

**KEY battlegrounds in and around Banbury have opened up ahead of county council elections in Cherwell.**

No surprises are expected in safe Tory areas like Bloxham, Otmoor, Ploughley and Wroxton, but Liberal Democrats and Labour candidates could break through in urban areas where they already hold district council seats.

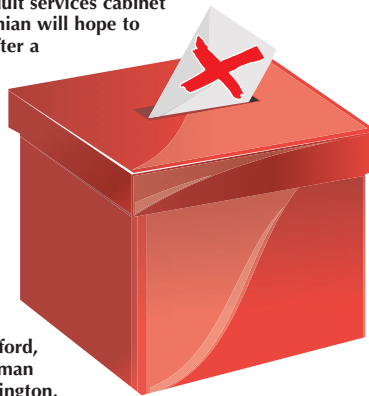
In Deddington, adult services cabinet member Arash Fatemian will hope to boost his majority after a wafer-thin win in Kennington and Radley in 2009.

He says the move to a north Oxfordshire division coincides with him moving house.

**Incumbent Tories Keith Strangwood, Ann Bonner, Alyas Ahmed, Nicholas Turner, Kieron Mallon, Lawrie Stratford, Michael Waine, Norman Bolster, Maurice Billington, Anthony Gearing, Tim Hallchurch, Catherine Fulljames and George Reynolds will all be expecting to hang on to their seats.**

It is in wards like Banbury Ruscote, where votes were close in 2009, that the Conservatives' continuing support in this traditionally blue part of the county will be put to the test.

Issues like housing, town centre developments and the county's waste strategy are all likely to be on voters' minds as they go to the polls next Thursday - May 2.



Democrat: Anthony has lived in Banbury since 1993, taught in Banbury and Oxford and is now retired. He is an experienced candidate and is active with the Liberal Democrats.

Anthony is supporting Lib Dem proposals at the county council to halt the four-fold rise in day centre charges for elderly people, increase funding for the youth service, increase funding for flood prevention and road repairs.

● **SURINDER DHESI, Labour:** Surinder is married with two sons and has lived in Banbury for 33 years. She works at Marks & Spencer and has been involved in the community since 1992. As a town and district councillor, she is experienced in fighting for issues that matter to local people. During her mayoral year, Surinder helped to raise £15,000 for local charities and her support helped Banbury to become a Fairtrade town.

● **ROBERT PAYNTER, Green:** Robert Paynter is a father of two and a science researcher. He has been a Green Party member for over 20 years. The party's

slogan "Fair is worth fighting for" is key to the decisions that must be made to avoid exploitation of others. This applies at all scales: protecting rights of individuals or protecting the world from rampant resource use and damage, ultimately this is exploitation of future generations. For generations exploitation has been included in daily life as a matter of course — this can change.

Robert will bring these principles to the table, if elected. His primary interests are to support improvements in housing, transport and jobs.

● **NICHOLAS TURNER, Conservative:** Like most people I care about the area I live in. I think we live in a great community, but I also think it can be even better. People feel disconnected from politics, but they can make a difference.

Since the Conservatives took control of the county council in 2005, things have been steadily improving. Services have got better — and taxes have been held down. With your support I want to

be part of that strong team at County Hall to continue to improve our community.

## GRIMSBURY AND CASTLE

● **KEN ASHWORTH, Liberal Democrat:** Ken works within local government in Oxfordshire, so has a keen interest in local councils and recent welfare reform proposals. He has stood as candidate for the Liberal Democrats at local district council level for the ward of Grimsbury and Castle since May 2010.

He has had a keen interest in politics from an early age and has previously helped the Liberal Democrats in the Ribble Valley and Witney constituencies. He is also keen to encourage youth into politics and ensure greater representation within the county council.

● **MIKE BEAL, Labour:** Mr Beal said: "As a former employee of Oxfordshire County Council I have experienced first-hand the Tory cuts to services. I will fight to keep those vital public services that working and vulnerable people so depend upon. Banbury urgently needs Labour representation for fairness and equality."

● **ANN BONNER, Conservative:** I am delighted once more to seek the opportunity to represent Grimsbury and Castle and serve you for a further term on Oxfordshire County Council. This year I renew my pledge to you that my commitment to our area is as strong and determined as ever and to ask you for your support to re-elect me on May 2, 2013.

In 2013 I celebrate 100 years of personal family history in Grimsbury. My mother, Caroline Wise, was born here in 1913. My roots are here and my heart is here. In recent years I have given over my entire life to supporting and working hard for the area and in particular the community. I am both a true Banburian and Grimsburian and will always speak up for us all and what I believe to be right and fair.

● **JOHN HAYWOOD, Green:** John Haywood is standing for the Green Party in this May's county elections, and is also their prospective Parliamentary candidate for Banbury. John is a 64-year-old retired director of student services at the University of Northampton and has lived in Banbury for 29 years. For 20 years John taught and managed student services and tutoring support at Oxford and Cherwell Valley College, Banbury. He has been vice-chairman of a local comprehensive school and used to represent Neithrop on Cherwell District Council. A past

voluntary fundraising officer for Banbury and District Samaritans, John is vice-chairman of the local U3A and chairman of the Banbury and Cherwell Green Party.

● **LINDA WREN, UKIP:** Linda lives in Grimsbury and Castle and joined UKIP this year. She said: "I was impressed by the enthusiasm for UKIP when I went to canvass in the Eastleigh by-election; everyone seemed so positive towards UKIP on the doorstep!"

## BLOXHAM AND EASTINGHAM

● **GRAHAM ANTROBUS, Liberal Democrat:** Graham is supporting Lib Dem proposals at the county council to halt the four-fold rise in day centre charges for elderly people, increase funding for the youth service and increase funding for flood prevention and road repairs.

● **KATHERINE CHANDLER, Green:** Katie has lived in Banbury for four years and been a member of the Green Party since 2010. A new mum, Katie believes that the Green Party is the only party which truly offers a way forward for a fair and sustainable society for our children. This is demonstrated by the recent inclusion of a commitment to social justice in the party's constitution. Without equality and quality of life for all, we cannot hope to solve the urgent environmental problems facing the world.

Green votes at the elections this May are vital to show opposition to the continuous cuts to public services which hurt the most vulnerable people in our society.

● **MARY EVANS YOUNG, Labour:** Mary has lived in Banbury for ten years. She loves the countryside and knows how important reliable transport is for non-drivers. She also appreciates the importance of keeping Banbury a vibrant market town. Mary was the driving force in establishing Age UK's base in White Lion Walk. Mary writes on social and health issues, and she is a regular broadcaster.

● **KIERON MALLON, Conservative:** Kieron says many candidates in local elections talk a very negative campaign and in doing so also end up talking down the area they wish to represent.

He, on the other hand, believes the reality is very different, we live in a fantastic part of the country and should be proud of it and the people and services we have.

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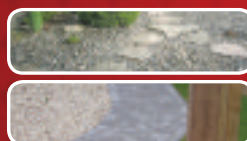
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he has seen investment here in North Oxfordshire and the only cuts have been in the back office and bureaucracy to save money and make the councils more efficient to protect the front line.

So, whilst some of the would-be councillors voice doom and gloom in this election, Kieron is committed to providing the best local services, at a fair price, and wherever possible to continue to improve them for all.

● **LYNNE SHAWYER, UKIP:** Lynne has lived locally for over 30 years. She used to run her own business in Banbury and then became manager of the precinct, though she is now a manager in Witney. She lives in Easington itself. She said: "I am very keen to help small businesses and I know from personal experience how important such things as business rates and local parking arrangements are."

## RUSCOTE

● **ALYAS AHMED, Conservative:** Alyas Ahmed is a hardworking local man who has lived in the division since 1989 with his wife and family. He has worked for the last four years as county councillor. He has served as town councillor and is currently a Cherwell district councillor, serving since 2006. He believes he has proven his commitment to Banbury and its future.

He was actively involved in the successful campaign to reopen the open-air swimming pool.

Keeping open the Neithrop Library, he helped set up the public meeting which resulted in huge public pressure and the decision to keep this important library open.

He was instrumental in the creation of the early intervention centre at Woodgreen for the youth of the division.

● **DAVID BURTON, UKIP:** David lives in Ruscote. He said: "I've always thought that equality of opportunity is an extremely important policy. Not being given the fair opportunity to vote for life-changing actions is not the sort of democracy we want."

"This is why I want us to have a referendum-culture (on important local as well as national issues), rather than just follow the herd."

"There is nothing to limit improvement, or what we could achieve working together, and with UKIP's brilliant and conserving policies."

● **JOHN CHRISTIE, Labour:** John has lived in the Banbury area for 23 years. He began as a teacher and recently retired as a director of education and children's services. In the 90s he was responsible for schools, youth and adult education in Oxfordshire and took a particular interest in Banbury. His children attended Banbury School Sixth Form. Now John is busy with local voluntary work, football, singing

and his grandchild.

● **CHRISTOPHER MANLEY, Green:** Chris Manley, 43, is a career consultant at a leading UK university, has lived in Banbury for six years, and campaigned on issues related to justice and environmental issues for over 15 years.

Chris was delighted to find in the Green Party a comprehensive political alternative, focusing on justice and respect for the environment.

He said: "It's easy to become completely disillusioned with the whole political process."

"How many people really believe that allowing greedy people to be even greedier will somehow make the rest of us better off, or that more things make us happier, or that economic growth for ever is possible? There is a serious alternative, and it's called the Green Party."

## DEDDINGTON

● **SUE CHRISTIE, Labour:** Sue was brought up in County Durham and studied law at Oxford. She then qualified as a solicitor and worked in private practice and local government. She also taught law at the Universities of Durham and East Anglia. Until her recent retirement, she worked for 20 years in local government in Oxfordshire and specialised in planning law.

During that time she was an active trade unionist. She was also a school governor. Since her retirement, Sue has spent her time doing voluntary work, playing the violin, helping to look after her granddaughter, gardening and watercolour painting.

● **ARASH FATEMIAN, Conservative:** Arash has lived in Oxfordshire for almost 30 years and went to school in Oxford before studying politics and economics at the University of Bath, which included a spell spent on work placement at the House of Lords.

After postgraduate work and study in Bath, which included teaching politics to undergraduates, he now lives in Deddington and works for a strategy consultancy in Oxford.

He is also a governor at Warriner School and is excited about the new sixth form and the challenges ahead as the school goes through the process of becoming an academy.

Arash is also a keen cyclist and can often be found cycling the rural roads.

● **MARY FRANKLIN, Green:** Brought up near Banbury, Mary Franklin has lived in Oxford and near Deddington for over 30 years. She works in publishing as a freelance editor. In Oxford when her children were young she was active in local groups such as Wolvercote Recycling Group, the community orchard and Low Carbon Wolvercote, and she has campaigned for the Green Party for over 15 years.

Mary Franklin is passionate about both the natural world and social

justice. She has only believed that the Green Party is the only political party with the radical vision and policies that are needed to deal with the huge and interconnected environmental, economic and social challenges that our society currently faces.

● **ALAN HARRIS, UKIP:** Alan said: "I was born locally in Duns Tew, studied at the Warriner School, and have worked in the local area all my life. I believe it is time the country listened to its people and let them have a say on Europe but also on local issues."

Immigration control is a big issue in this country and if we don't act fast it is only going to get worse."

● **IAN THOMAS, Liberal Democrat:** Ian lives in Adderbury and will be a strong local voice for the local area.

Ian is supporting Lib Dem proposals at the county council to halt the four-fold rise in day centre charges for elderly people, increase funding for the youth service and increase funding for flood prevention and road repairs.

## WROXTON HOOK NORTON

● **COLIN CLARK, Green:** Colin Clark has lived in North Oxfordshire for 30 years. After being an apprentice compositor, he became a mature student and then a National Union of Public Employees official. Later he joined Birmingham City Council and retired as a head of HR. At 53 he obtained an MA.

Colin's specific county council interests are life-long learning, rural transport and protection of the vulnerable. The Greens' policy of localism, valuing individuals and the environment and working for a sustainable future is the right prescription for today's challenges.

He says that the Greens offer an exciting future for the young and a

reassurance to the older generation that the world will be left in safer hands.

● **PETER DAVIS, Liberal Democrat:** Peter has been a resident of Bodicote since 1990, and spent almost 40 years as a librarian in local government.

He was district councillor for Deddington 1993-4.

He was a school governor in Banbury and board member of Banbury Homes over 18 years. He is also a member of U3A.

Peter is supporting Lib Dem proposals at the county council to halt the four-fold rise in day centre charges for elderly people, increase funding for the youth service and increase funding for flood prevention and road repairs.

● **PERRAN MOON, Labour:** Perran has lived locally for 12 years, including three years in Wigginton. His wife is from South Newington, and they have three children at local schools. Perran is a keen sportsman and teaches cricket to children at Hook Norton Cricket Club and rugby at Chipping Norton Rugby Club.

● **GEORGE REYNOLDS, Conservative:** If elected, one of George's first actions will be to get to understand the main problems, if any, that Hook Norton, Wigginton and South Newington have as they will be new villages for him in the Wroxton and Hook Norton Division.

As a local member who has lived in the area all his life, he is aware of the geography of villages but will need to get to know these parish councils so he can work with them in all aspects of village affairs. Clearly any new developments in any village will put pressure on schools and roads which will need to be addressed.

● **CLAIRE WEBB, UKIP:** Claire lives in Headington Oxford, but she said: "I wanted to ensure that UKIP had full representation on the ballot paper so everyone, who wants to, can register a vote for UKIP!"



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**Council investigates way of making visitors from abroad pay parking fines**

# Bid to track down the foreign drivers



LEFT: County council transport chief Rodney Rose

BELOW: Another ticket is issued to a foreign driver

**FOREIGN drivers have left Oxfordshire County Council chasing £358,290 in unpaid parking fines over the past four years.**

Now county council leaders are investigating the most economical way of getting the money back.

The council's transport boss, Rodney Rose, said Portsmouth City Council had hired Euro Parking Collection to chase parking tickets it issued to foreign drivers.

Oxfordshire County Council now plans to talk to that authority about its experiences before it decides what to do next.

Mr Rose said: "We want to get this money back and will look for the most economical way to do so.

"We are talking about hundreds of thousands of pounds and that could be

**By Andrew Ffrench**

used to fill in a lot of potholes in the county.

"I'm going to raise this with MEPs in the region because there needs to be cross-border legislation on this."

London-based EPC gets keeper details from the foreign country's Vehicle Licensing Authority and sends letters to owners in their native language.

Spokesman Stuart Hendry said: "Not all VLAs will give keeper details. For example, France don't but the majority will."

Mr Hendry said the company ran on a no-win, no-fee basis.

He added: "We would take about 20 per cent on each ticket, so that could come to about £70,000 if we got all the money back for

Oxfordshire County Council."

County council spokesman Martin Crabtree said the council had no current plans to use a contractor to collect the fines.

He added: "The use of such contractors is a new initiative and Oxfordshire will be interested in the results of a trial being carried out in Portsmouth."

"We will continue to explore opportunities to follow up these charges."

The total of £358,290 relates to 6,441 parking tickets issued between October 2008 and last month.

Department for Transport spokesman Melanie Purkiss said there were no current plans to change legislation to make it easier for councils to obtain payments from foreign drivers.



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TO discover you have a long-lost brother is one thing. Learning he has been living about 100 miles down the road for almost 80 years is another.

But then to find out you gave your daughters the same name, played the same position in football and reached the same rank in the RAF, is remarkable.

Fred and Ron Boyes were adopted in the 1930s to two different families, one in

By Ellie Simmonds

Derbyshire and the other here, in Oxfordshire.

They didn't even know the other existed until Fred's 80th birthday on April 5.

Within days, Mr Boyes, and his 79-year-old wife, Jean, travelled to Derbyshire to meet "long-lost" brother Ron, 83. It was only after

the emotional reunion that the two discovered some amazing similarities in their lives.

Great-grandfather Fred, a retired contract cleaning company owner from Drayton, said: "The last couple of weeks have been a complete whirl. Totally exhilarating.

"I grew up with the name of Geecock and nothing seemed amiss until I reached 18.

"Then, when I showed my birth certificate for National Service, I was told I had been fostered and that my real name was Boyes.

"But I was young and carefree and courting Jean, now my wife of 59 years, and so I decided not to do anything about it. I never even considered that I might have had any brothers or sisters.

"Then, a few weeks ago, I got a phone call from a chap in Essex. He had been researching his family tree and he said he thought I had a brother somewhere up north. I was stunned."

Mrs Boyes added: "Fred was on the phone and all of a sudden just sprang up. I could not hear what was being said but he looked surprised and excited."

Fred, who is a parish councillor in Drayton, added: "The chap gave me a number for what turned out to be my brother's ex-son in law.

"I got through to my brother Ron's daughter and we arranged to meet. I could not wait to get up there and see him."

Fred and his wife travelled to Ron's home in

Riddings, Derbyshire, where the two men came face to face for the first time in 80 years.

Fred, his voice filled with emotion, said: "I can't remember the exact words I said, but it was something like: "God Ron, it's so good to meet you at last."

The men do not know why they were fostered, but Ron was sent to Derbyshire when he was three, while Fred, just a baby, was fostered by a family in Banbury.

They were both brought up unaware of their true identities.

Fred said: "As we got talking, we realised that we had both enlisted at 18 and reached the rank of Leading Aircraftman in the RAF.

"We also both played right wing in football. "And even more strangely, we both had a daughter called Wendy."

Speaking at the home he shares with his 52-year-old daughter, Cheryl, Ron said: "The past few weeks have been a truly memorable experience and something I never thought would come to fruition.

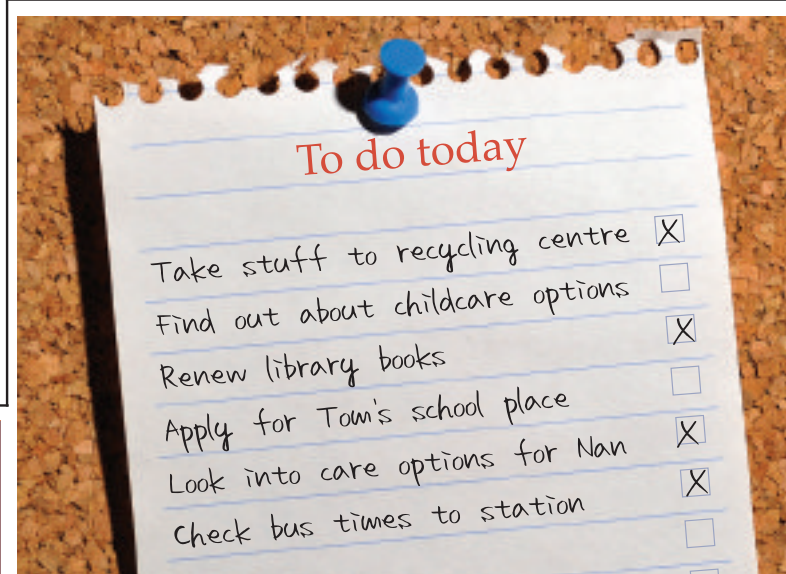
"I had been looking for my real family for years with no luck. Now I have found my brother."

But the brothers' journey of discovery is not over yet, as Fred explained: "The chap who brought us together thinks we also had sisters and two other brothers – some of whom might still be alive.

"There's more to this story yet."



Together again after 80 years, Fred and Ron Boyes



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# Husband and wife take to the stage to tell the real story behind dementia

Ralph Burrage, who has dementia, appeared on stage with his wife, Jan, to help launch a new awareness campaign

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## Dispelling the myths

**WHEN Jan and Ralph Burrage found out he had dementia they thought life as they knew it had been shattered.**

But now an Oxfordshire-wide dementia campaign has been launched to try to dispel myths about the syndrome.

The retired puppet designers are helping spearhead the year-long Oxfordshire Dementia Awareness Campaign.

It sets out to raise people's awareness about the set of diseases that fall under the umbrella term "dementia" and encourages the message that you can live well with dementia.

The numbers of dementia sufferers in Oxfordshire stands at almost 7,000 and is expected to reach 8,200 by 2016.

Jan Burrage, 76, cares for her 85-year-old husband, Ralph, who she has been married to for 36 years.

She said: "It was a serious shock. I felt devastated when we were told Ralph had dementia

**By Katriona Ormiston**

in October 2011. I didn't know much about it. If this campaign was running two years ago it would have been so much more comforting – it would have shown me there are people to talk to and that life goes on, as it always did.

"There are down sides to dementia, of course, but you get through it. I was a little bit cautious about getting help because I didn't want to be told I couldn't cope.

"But I am not giving up on him now. He is back playing music, which he hadn't done for years and has got all sorts of things back in his life."

Experts say one of the ways of supporting sufferers and proving they are able and stable is by encouraging them to return to their hobbies.

Maria Parsons, the director of the Creative Dementia Arts Network, supports dementia sufferers, including Mr Burrage, with music, singing, theatre, drama, dance, visual arts and crafts.

She said: "The campaign encourages people not to be worried or afraid, but to get help and ask questions. It proves you really can do things you were

always able to." Mr Burrage's sense of humour had obviously not changed.

"I am demented," he said, "it's no problem really."

"I seem to be the same person I always was. But the campaign is worthwhile. I'm sure a lot of people will be helped out by it."

The campaign, hosted by Oxfordshire Dementia Empowerment Group, is holding one of a series of events in Banbury on September 10. There, it will invite dementia sufferers and carers to discuss the syndrome and symptoms with experts.

Information leaflets and charity workers will also explain the number of support networks in Oxfordshire.

Professor Emeritus Gordon Wilcock, a specialist in dementia at the University of Oxford, spoke at the campaign launch at Chipping Norton Theatre.

He said: "We have left behind us the dark days of dementia and we are coming into the light. There is now more help available to ensure that the quality of life in the early years for the person with dementia and their family can be good."

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**A £3.55m Government grant will be used to plug some of Oxfordshire's pothole-damaged roads.**

Oxfordshire County Council has confirmed the one-off sum would be spent over the next two years.

The council allocated the money after central Government confirmed what other one-off grants would be received.

Fears had grown that some of the county's roads would suffer from a £1m cut in the Area

Stewardship Fund, which local councillors often used to address highways problems in their parishes.

But the county council decided to free up the cash after the problems caused by a lengthy spell of bad winter weather.

It could not provide a breakdown of which roads would be repaired first, but officials said officers were drawing up a plan.

Spokesman Marcus Maberley said: "Work is already under way, in terms of determining the detail about the nature of such work, and where and when it would be carried out."

"The council had been waiting to see how many of the other grants it receives would be cut during the winter and spring. This information was not fully provided by central Government

**By Mark Taylor**

until after the council had set its budget in February.

"That information is now clear and the council is able to allocate this money to be spent on highway repairs."

Officers are now scrutinising the type of repair work needed to carry out long-term repairs and how much it would cost.

Oxfordshire County Council leader Ian Hudspeth said the allocation of the £3.55m was "good news" for Oxfordshire residents.

He said: "It is an awful lot of money and rather than put it forward, I know residents would want us to spend the money on the roads now – to get on with it and spend it."

"We are going to spend money now as we understand what has happened with the bad weather."

## Entries open for walk

ENTRIES have opened for this year's midnight walk – to raise cash for Katharine House Hospice.

The 10.5-mile after dark walk will start at Banbury Cricket Club, Bodicote, and go round Banbury and back to the club.

Some 600 people took part last year, raising £76,000.

Registration costs £15 and includes a high-visibility T-shirt, snacks and drinks en route, and a medal and breakfast bap at the finish.

The walk, which begins at midnight on Saturday, June 29, is open to people aged 12 and over. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Entrants can also choose a 6.3-mile walk.

Event co-ordinator Sheila Norton said: "This is our seventh Midnight Walk and it has become our most important fundraising event of the year."

"When we held the first walk in 2007, we never thought that it would still be so popular seven years later."

"We were delighted by the fantastic amount raised last year — this is so appreciated by everyone at Katharine House."

To take part, call Sheila Norton on (01295) 812161 or visit [khh.org.uk](http://khh.org.uk)

Entries close on Wednesday, June 12.



# Celebrity writers enthrall the crowds



FACT turned out to be stranger than fiction at the weekend when literary stars descended on Chipping Norton.

Richard Dawkins, above, Julian Fellowes, left, and Fern Britton were among the celebrity authors at the second annual literary festival.

Almost 3,000 lovers of books paid for tickets to lectures and writing workshops, while younger readers joined in a *Where's Wally*

search. Professor Dawkins talked about his book *The Magic of Reality*, and urged his audience not to put the wonder of the universe down to God.

Julian Fellowes, creator of *Downton Abbey*, responded to criticism that the show's storylines were far-fetched by saying that the true stories from the period were even more unbelievable.

Artistic director Clare

Mackintosh, inset, who watched both of the talks, said: "This year has been absolutely amazing."

"The audience loved Julian Fellowes and Fern Britton was sensational as well."

Ms Mackintosh said organisers had "a few more things up their sleeve" for next year.



## InBRIEF

### Armed Forces Day

■ A CELEBRATION of Armed Forces Day will take place in Banbury town centre on Saturday, June 29. Service personnel and military vehicle and memorabilia owners have been invited to the event, the only one in the county. The event will feature a parade and entertainment like a paintball gun range. Cash raised will go to forces charity Help for Heroes. Owners of military memorabilia who wish to take part should contact Tricia Campbell at Banbury Town Hall on 01295 250340.

### Dedication for plaque

■ A DEDICATION service for the war memorial plaque in Deddington will take place on June 16, at noon. It will be conducted by the Bishop of Dorchester, The Right Reverend Colin Fletcher. The 85 names on the War Memorial Plaque will include 23 residents of the parish who had died for their country, but whose names are not inscribed on other memorials. A parade will be led by the Royal British Legion's Deddington branch. The plaque has been paid for from the proceeds of a book, *A Parish at War*, written by Michael Allbrook and Robert Forsyth.

### Hospice gardens date

■ RESIDENTS are to open their gardens to visitors to raise cash for Katharine House Hospice. Nineteen gardens will open from Saturday, April 27, to Sunday, July 14, with entrance fee charges going to the Adderbury hospice. For information visit [khh.org.uk](http://khh.org.uk) or call 01295 812161.

## Appeal for teams to join Knockout fun

TEAMS are being urged to sign up to battle it out in Banbury's It's A Knockout event.

Taking place during the town's annual show in Spiceball Park on June 9, up to 24 teams will be able to compete for a trophy.

Eight people, male or female, aged over 18 are needed to form a team. Teams can represent companies, clubs or pubs, families, or just be a group of friends.

The Rotary Club of Banbury is running the contest in conjunction with show organisers Banbury Town Council.

Colin Clarke, chairman of the Banbury and District Show committee, said: "This is a fun competition which requires physical and co-ordination skills – and a certain amount of bravado."

"The competition is always a hit with the crowds and enjoyed by those taking part. It's a fun thing but it can also get quite competitive because there is a great deal of prestige for the winners."

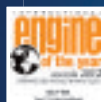
Banbury company Barry Callebaut is the current holder of the 'knockout' trophy.

Rotary spokesman Alan Wolstencroft said: "The original 1960s TV programme involved a tremendous variety of unusual games and is great entertainment for spectators."

"The game has never lost its popularity and events regularly take place around the country. It is great fun and to be part of the Banbury championship winning team would be something really special."

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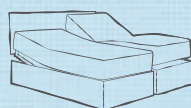
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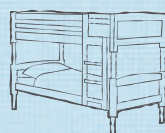


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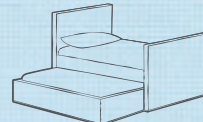
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**TWO-HANDER:** Neil Gore, left, and Richard Stone star in *The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists* at Banbury's Mill Arts Centre

## Tale that still rings so true

**A** TOUR of Robert Tressell's celebrated tale, *The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists*, arrives at Banbury's Mill Theatre today.

It is presented as a two-hander by Townsend Productions.

The play is centred on a group of hardworking painters and decorators struggling for survival in a complacent, stagnating Edwardian England.

These workers are the 'philanthropists' who throw themselves into back-breaking work for poverty wages to generate profit for their masters.

*The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists* uses instrumentation, songs from the period, movement, physical theatre, comedy and characterization to create the spirit and clarity of the political message.

Neil Gore, who adapted the script and appears in the play, said: "The themes and style of the piece are eternally relevant and thought-provoking a century after Tressell's classic of working-class literature was published.

"It was published in 1914 with

**By George Gaynor**

Britain on the verge of war, enduring a deep recession and a tight economy when wages and working and living conditions, for many, were appalling.

"Questions were raised about the reliability of the 'masters' and capitalism was scrutinised by those who saw it responsible for massive inequality. The plight of Tressell's 'philanthropists' will resonate for many in our current austerity, as wages and conditions are squeezed and the cost of living rises while the very rich just get richer.

"For many, recent developments seem to be driving us back to the inequalities of Tressell's time. The play is a reminder of key issues faced by workers in this country today: increased casualisation of the workforce, diminishing rights at work, individual contracts that ignore pensions and overtime, frozen or reduced wages, cuts to public services, willful destruction of the welfare system and the hopelessness of poverty," he said.

"By promoting this play and book we voice our disapproval and

suggest Tressell's vision be re-examined as a viable alternative to the greed of capitalism."

Film director Ken Loach described the play as "a strong and robust show that brings the characters, humour and inspirational ideas of this great book to life. It is needed now more than ever".

Others have called it 'hugely enjoyable, powerful, tuneful, hilarious, inventive, touching, topical and all delivered with a twinkle in the eye by multi-talented actors'.

It is a cracker of intense, detailed, non-stop, energetic storytelling theatre using all of the tricks to push the narrative along – multi-role playing, puppetry, magic lantern, music and harmonised period songs.

It has the backing of the Trades Union Council and numerous unions including Unite, the GMB, the PCS, RMT and NASUWT.

■ *The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists* is at The Mill Theatre, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury, tonight (April 25) at 8pm. Tickets cost £12-£10. Call the box office on 01295 279002.



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# Sparkling rom-com gives us a roller-coaster ride

**LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED** (15, 116 mins) Comedy/Romance/Drama. Pierce Brosnan, Trine Dyrholm, Sebastian Jessen, Molly Blixt Egelind, Paprika Steen, Kim Bodnia, Christiane Schaumburg-Muller. Director: Susanne Bier.

In her recent films, Oscar-winning Danish director Susanne Bier has meditated on the ability of the human spirit to endure all-consuming grief.

Perhaps hankering for some light relief, she dons her sunglasses and SPF25 for this life-affirming comedy set at an idyllic villa on the breathtaking Sorrentine Peninsula.

*Love Is All You Need* is an appealingly frothy confection about two damaged souls offered a second chance at happiness when they least expect but most need it.

The script, written by Anders Thomas Jensen, lacks the subtleties and emotional layers of their earlier collaborations: *Brothers*, *After The Wedding* and *In A Better World*.

However, feel-good rom-coms abide by certain hoary conventions and Jensen obliges, including repeated blasts of Dean Martin's *That's Amore* on the soundtrack to accentuate the flirtatious mood.

The literal translation of the film's Danish title *Den Skaldede Frisør* is *The Bald Hairdresser* and this succinctly sums up heroine Ida (Trine Dyrholm), who has undergone chemotherapy as part of her breast cancer treatment.

Ida returns home from a check-up to find her oafish husband, Leif

(Kim Bodnia), in flagrante delicto with blonde accountant Tilde (Christiane Schaumburg-Muller).

It's a devastating blow and Ida leaves him to catch a flight to Sorrento, where their daughter Astrid (Molly Blixt Egelind) is due to marry her handsome fiancé, Patrick (Sebastian Jessen).

In the airport car park, Ida absent-mindedly backs into a car being driven by English widower Philip (Pierce Brosnan), who has thrown himself into his work – fruit and vegetable wholesale – following the death of his wife.

It transpires that Philip is Patrick's father and is also heading to the ceremony.

En route, Ida overhears Philip berating one of his employees on the telephone and she scolds his rudeness: "I really don't understand why anybody will work for you!"

Her tenderness and honesty are a tonic, kindling a spark of attraction between the strangers.

Personal relationships become strained when Ida's cheating husband arrives with Tilde in tow.

Meanwhile, Philip's monstrous sister-in-law (Paprika Steen) makes it abundantly clear what she intends to eat for breakfast: him.

"I love you, you love me, you always did. Perfect match!" she growls.

The wedding conceit and sun-baked locales of Bier's film conjure fond memories of *Mamma Mia!* but *Love Is All You Need* dodges the ABBA songbook while still peddling a winning formula of fizzing dialogue and longing glances.



A scene from *Love Is All You Need*, with Pierce Brosnan, as Philip, Paprika Steen, as Benedikte, Trine Dyrholm, as Ida, and Molly Blixt Egelind, as Astrid

Picture: PA Photo/ Arrow Films

The script moves fluidly between Danish and English, galvanised by sparkling screen chemistry between Brosnan and Dyrholm.

Female characters are sketched in far greater detail than the men, who – Philip aside – are plot devices to facilitate heartache or happy-ever-afters.

We spot underlying tensions between Astrid and Patrick before any of the characters, and knowing the ending in advance, we can settle back and enjoy the fireworks.

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#### SATURDAY

**St Peter's church, High Street, Hook Norton:** Spring Concert. Come and join Hook Norton Brass Band and Training Band for their Spring Concert enjoy a modern, exciting and varied programme of brass band music. 7.30pm. There will be a retiring collection.

**The Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park, Banbury:** Sinnerboy. A tribute to Rory Gallagher, one of the greatest exponents of the electric guitar. Standing event. £10 adv, £12 on the door. 8.30pm. 01295 279002.

#### SUNDAY

**Blue Boar, Goddards Lane, Chipping Norton:** C.Ody, popular vocal guitarist Free admission. 5pm. 01608 643525.

### Theatre

**The Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park, Banbury:**

Apr 25, *The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists*. Townsend Productions present the new two-handed version of the classic book by Robert Tressell. £12, concession £10. 8pm.

Apr 27, *The Elephant Bride*, by Steven Lee. Songs and heart-warming elephant antics presented by People's Theatre Company. 2.30pm. £7, £24 family ticket.

Come to the theatre wearing fancy clothes or fancy dress for the chance to take part in a fashion show live on stage with the actors. Apr 28, Jo Caulfield - Better The Devil You Know tour. Razor-sharp observations and scandalous one-liners. £12, conc £10. 7pm.

Apr 11-May 18, *There's No Place Like A Home..* A comedy written and directed by Paul Elliott. Tue-Sat 8.15pm, Thu, Sat and Sun matinees.

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**The Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton:**

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Apr 26, Shappi Khorsandi - Dirty Looks and Hopscotch. £13, conc £11. 7.45pm.

May 2-4, *The Mikado*. Chipping Norton Amateur Operatic Society (CHAOS) return to Gilbert and Sullivan. £12.50, matinee £10.50. 7.30pm, Sat mat 2.30pm. Box office: 01608 642350

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**SATURDAY: Wine Festival:** Town Hall, Market Place, Brackley. Taste wine from a huge world-wide range. Present will be members of the Association of Small Direct Wine Merchants and local independent suppliers. 12-6pm. Admission £5 to benefit Rotary charities. 07777 649321.

**SUNDAY: Horse and Pony Show:** Dairy Ground Field, Tackley. with a fun dog show also. Various stalls, pub and grub food all day. 9am-6pm. Admission £3. Show entries £6 per class. 01869 331255.

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## Final Evo-Stik Southern League Premier Division home game for the Puritans

# Penalty blow levels United

A SECOND-HALF penalty saw Banbury United held to a draw by Bedford Town in their final Premier Division home game at Spencer Stadium on Saturday.

The first half-hour was largely uneventful, with Eguenene Lubertucci's shot, which went wide of the Banbury goal, the most notable moment.

But the Puritans then began to have much the better of the game. Kynan Isaac was a shot parried by Ian Brown, and Ollie Wilkinson was on hand to clear from the incoming Adeyinka Talabi.

Albi Skendi then smashed a drive from outside the area against the

**Banbury United** 1  
(Skendi 51)  
**Bedford Town** 1  
(Lewis pen 72)

right-hand post.

The visitors hit back, and Callum Lewis saw his shot pushed around an upright by Banbury keeper Warren Carter.

Banbury broke the deadlock six minutes into the second half when Bedford failed to clear the ball, and Skendi beat Brown with a low shot from 22 yards.

But Bedford equalised with a penalty in the 72nd minute.

Warren Plowright was adjudged to have handled Callum Lewis's shot, and Lewis sent Carter the wrong way from the spot.

Both sides had chances to snatch a winner in the last ten minutes.

Nat Peacock headed a cross against the Banbury bar for Bedford, while Isaac saw his header well saved by Brown, who also denied Skendi.

**Banbury Utd:** Carter, Cray, Martin, Ashton, W Plowright, Bridges (Dumbleton 87), Polk, Talabi (Sharif 76), Skendi, Isaac, Agyeman-Prempeh. Subs not used: White, Collins, Fordah.

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Banbury United's Adeyinka Talabi controls this high ball against Bedford Town

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**TAURUS** Apr 20-May 20  
I know you're pretending to be so strong, but there comes a time when we all need a little extra help and support. Listen to what those around you are trying to say. Taurus. They want to halve your load and help you. Don't let your famous stubborn nature stop you from making a success of your current set up and investments. Ring now to hear why it's worth taking a chance on love this week.

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**GEMINI** May 21-Jun 20  
Negative influences have been stopping you from progressing in the very areas you are good at. Stand back and take in what is going on in your life. You'll soon see that you are in control and no one else. Finishing what you've started can impress faces who can take your career to the next level. Ring now to hear why it's worth accepting the last minute and impromptu invites this week.

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**CANCER** Jun 21-Jul 22  
Why do you keep thinking of the past when you've worked out by now that you don't have to go back there? You're not the weak person you're remembering but you're stronger and better now. Offers you get professionally on Wednesday and personally on Friday can prove this my friend. Give me a call to hear why I know you can trust your instincts and act on them now.

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**LEO** Jul 23-Aug 22  
By judging your life from the perspective of others you're getting a warped perspective. Surely Leo, you would be better to live by your own standards and be pleased if you've achieved your own dreams rather than those of others. New attractions come at a price but whether they're worth paying or not remains to be seen this weekend. Call me now to hear how Saturn has your back in business.

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**VIRGO** Aug 23-Sep 22  
You seem to be caught up in more than your fair share of competition, which is making it hard for you to see the wood for the trees, so to speak. Step back and take a look at what your original plan was and you'll soon see that you've surpassed the goals you've set for yourself. You can afford to take a break. Ring now to hear which sign is finally willing to commit and show faith.

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**LIBRA** Sep 23-Oct 22  
There is a lot of pressure on you at the moment to do what other people think is right, rather than what feels right to you. You're more in charge of your life than you're giving yourself credit for, but proof you'll get of your independence on Thursday should show you that you can afford to ask for what you want. Phone now to hear why children need to be an important part of this week.

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**SCORPIO** Oct 23-Nov 21  
Don't say sorry unless you mean it. Scorpio, or you'll come across as insincere. Time spent with those who know you well can help you to get in touch with your finer qualities and can also give you the confidence to admit what you really want. Offers you get by phone or email link to a better and more affluent future. Give me a call to hear why it's worth dressing for success now.

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**CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19  
You're lonely even if you're in a crowd and that has a lot to do with the fact that you haven't really trusted anyone with how you're feeling at the moment. Heart to hearts had this week can help you to feel in control again and can also prove to you how much you're loved and respected. Only thing is, you have to be the one to initiate proceedings. Call now for courage and strength.

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**AQUARIUS** Jan 20-Feb 18  
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**PISCES** Feb 19-Mar 20  
Don't let confidence turn into arrogance but try to work instead on enjoying each day. You've been so worried about what other people think of you that you've failed to touch base with your own feelings. Commitments are decided upon this week, which shape the entire course of your future. Make sure you're speaking from the heart and not as an observer. Ring now so I can help you.

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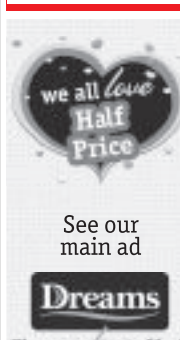
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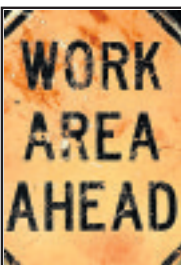
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## Leon shapes up for a brighter future

By David Duffy

If you have no idea what a trapezoidal shape is, you might as well stop reading now, as the chances are you will not be the least bit interested in the new SEAT Leon.

The third generation of the five-door, five-seater hatchback is the most stylish yet, and clearly created as the designer-suited member of the Volkswagen Audi Group.

Priced from £15,670, and built on the group's so-called MQB platform, the Leon shares its underpinnings with cars as varied as the Audi A3, Skoda Octavia and, crucially, the Volkswagen Golf.

If you could not care less about trapezoidal shapes and you have slightly deeper pockets, then you will be driving the Golf.

If, however, you like your day-to-day driving to have a dash of Spanish spice then read on.

Sharing the Volkswagen's group MQB platform means you are getting not only a shared chassis, engine and powertrain, but also everything else from body and trim, and safety features, to electronics and entertainment systems.

To add more zing, SEAT's designers were given free rein to produce a sculpted car, full of sharp creases, trapezoidal C-pillars and short, upward-pointing third

windows. The SEAT design is most pronounced at the front of the car, especially when the Leon is fitted with the distinctive new full-LED headlights.

Lining up against competitors like the Vauxhall Astra, Ford Focus and Honda Civic, the Leon comes in three trim levels and is the first family hatchback in the world to use a set of full-LED headlights, which SEAT says should outlast the life of the car.

As a limited launch offer, SEAT is offering the LED headlight system combined with satellite navigation and a DAB digital radio for £500.

I tried out a couple of new Leon models on twisting country roads around Gloucestershire last month and was immediately struck by the sharper handling and stability of the car, which is up to 90kg lighter than its predecessor.

Although the car is slightly shorter



**BRIGHT IDEA:** The new Leon is the first family hatchback to offer full-LED headlights

than its previous incarnation, the wheelbase has increased to give more space in the boot and more knee-room for rear-seat passengers.

The entry-level 1.2-litre TSI petrol engine is fitted with a six-speed gearbox but the S-level trim is basic. Far better to spend a little more – and SEAT believe most buyers will – and go for the upmarket SE trim.

Further models will also added to the Leon range this year. The three-door SC (sports coupe) will arrive in the summer and later in the year an ST (sports tourer) – estate – version will be launched. And all will sport those trademark trapezoidal shapes.

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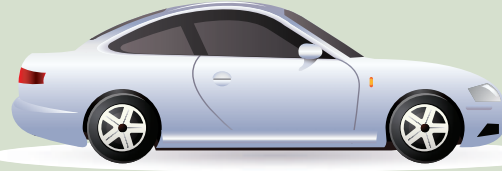
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2010, ice silver metallic, FSH, diesel, 1 year TAX & MOT, impressive fuel economy, sunroof & foglights, VGC, 39,000 miles

07980 688887

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## Citroen

### CITROEN C3



Black, 2002, 5 speed, manual, petrol, C/RL, alarm, air con, alloys, CD, taxed Feb 14, MOT Sept 13, 4 new tyres, 78,000 miles

07710 350437

£1,500

### CITROEN C4 PICASSO



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07715 141432

£7,700

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07842 290698

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01235 771030 or 07882 274269

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**abs** anti-locking braking system  
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**4wd** four wheel drive  
**c/l** central locking  
**e/mirrors** electric mirrors  
**e/sunroof** electric sunroof  
**ffsr** factory fitted sunroof  
**fsh** full service history  
**n/c** no canvassers  
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**ovno** or very near offer  
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**rww** rear washwipe  
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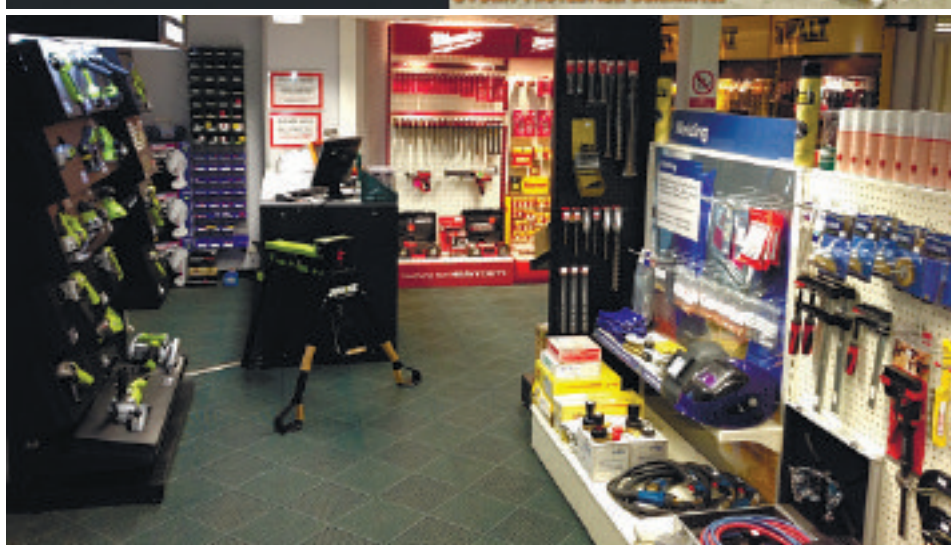


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